ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.34, The Commission on Judicial Procedures.

This ordinance repeals Chapter 3.34 in its entirety and thereby discontinues the Commission on Judicial Procedures.

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An ordinance amending Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to discontinue the Commission on Judicial Procedures.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles Ordains as follows: **SECTION 1.** Chapter 3.34, Commission on Judicial Procedures, is hereby repealed in its entirely as follows:

3.34 COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

3.34.010 Continuation -- Membership.

The Commission on Judicial Procedures is continued. All references to this chapter to the "commission" shall be deemed a reference to the Commission on Judicial Procedures. The commission shall consist of:

- A. The following ex officio members:
 - 1. The presiding judge of the Superior Court of the county,
 - 2. The president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association,
- 3. The city attorney of the largest city (by population) located within the county.
 - 4. The district attorney,
 - 5. The public defender,
 - 6. The Sheriff.
 - 7. The executive officer/clerk of the Superior Court of the county;
- B. 15 members appointed by the board, at least five of whom are not lawyers;

C. One member chosen as a representative by the Independent Cities

Association.

3.34.020 Appointment of members -- Term of service.

After June 1, 1973, the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section, each member of the board shall nominate two members to be appointed to the commission, and the board from such nominations shall appoint 10 members to the commission. The tenure of any member not so appointed shall cease. At or prior to the first meeting held after the said effective date of this section, each pair of members nominated by the same supervisor shall decide by lot or otherwise which member shall have a term expiring at the end of one year and which member shall have a term expiring at the end of two years. The first terms of the members shall be as so determined and thereafter the term of each member shall be for two years, except that the board may remove any member at any time.

3.34.030 Compensation and expense reimbursement.

The compensation of members of the commission shall be as provided from time to time in the current salary ordinance of the county of Los Angeles. In the absence of any provision therefor in the current salary ordinance, the members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except that when required to travel in the performance of their duties they shall be reimbursed for their necessary traveling expenses, including transportation, meals and lodging, in accordance with the applicable provisions of Ordinance 4099.

3.34.040 Meetings.

The commission shall meet at least once a month but not more than 24 times in

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a calendar year.

3.34.050 Tenure -- Absences.

The tenure of each member of the commission is subject to the provisions of Section 5.12.050 of this code.

3.34.060 Powers and duties -- Cooperation.

The commission shall, in cooperation with the courts and the California Judicial Council:

A. Recommend to the board of supervisors and the presiding judge of the Superior Court changes and improvements in judicial administration for the purposes of providing swifter, more efficient and more economical justice, and for reducing case loads and delays for litigants in the Superior Court;

- B. Determine the need for additional judges for the Superior Court;
- C. Make recommendations for action by the board of supervisors on legislation pertaining to the Superior Court;
- D. Receive and consider suggestions and recommendations by community groups and organizations and members of the public;
- E. To the extent feasible, facilitate the relationship between the Superior Court and the county.

3.34.070 Self-government procedures -- Quorum.

The commission may prepare and adopt, by majority vote, rules and regulations for internal government of its business, including election and terms of officers and the obligations and responsibilities of its members, provided that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with this chapter or any other ordinance, statute or regulation. A

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majority of the currently appointed regular members shall constitute a quorum.

3.34.080 Sunset review date.

The sunset review date for the Commission on Judicial Procedures shall be

December 1, 2009.

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